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### **For Immediate Release:**

**Valley Forge National Historical Park**-On Saturday, June 23, 2007 at approximately 7:40p.m., in response to threats from a male with a large caliber revolver, a park ranger from Valley Forge National Historical Park shot and wounded the 43 year old male. No park rangers were injured in the incident. The shooting took place near the Anthony Wayne Statue, on Outer Line Drive within the park.

The suspect's vehicle, a Chevrolet Blazer, was first noticed at the Wayne Statue parking area around 3:30 p.m. When the vehicle was still parked at the area at 7:25, the park ranger stopped in the parking area to check the vehicle. As the ranger got out of his patrol car, a man entered the parking lot from an area of the woods that is closed to public access. The ranger talked to the man, checked his identification, and found that there was a warrant for his arrest for a failure to appear in court regarding a prior offense.

The ranger called for assistance and when an additional ranger arrived, the man moved to his vehicle and retrieved the large caliber revolver. The park rangers ordered the man to drop the gun; however the suspect began yelling at the rangers. The rangers continued to issue orders to drop the gun until the suspect threatened the rangers with the gun and a ranger shot him once. After being shot, the suspect still did not drop the gun and after making furtive movements, still threatening to shoot rangers with the gun again, a ranger shot the suspect two times. The rangers were then able to place the suspect under arrest and provide emergency medical aid.

The suspect was flow to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He is identified as Daniel John McColgan, age 43, of Havertown, Pennsylvania.

Neither ranger was injured in the incident. The investigation continues and is being conducted jointly by the National Park Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation with significant assistance provided by the Chester County District Attorney's Office Detective Unit, Tredyffrin Township, and Upper Merion Township.